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REF: (A) STATE 128500 (B) STATE 201357 (C) NASSAU 1689
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1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE USCG PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT
ROLE IN THE EFFORT TO INTERDICT DRUG TRAFFICKING INTO THE
U.S. FROM AND THROUGH THE BAHAMAS. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION
THAT THE COAST GUARD ENJOYS EXCELLENT WORKING AND OPERATIONAL
RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE BAHAMAS DEFENCE FORCE IN MANY OF ITS
MISSIONS, INCLUDING NARCOTICS CONTROL.

2. THE UNDERPININGS OF THE USCG/GCOB COOPERATION IS THE GREY
AGREEMENT OF 1964, WHICH SPELS OUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP.

3. AS STATED PREVIOUSLY (REF C), WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON AGENCIES
SHOULD REVIEW THE GREY AGREEMENT TO DETERMINE ITS CONTINUING
APPLICABILITY WITH REGARD TO THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM. WE ARE
PLEASED TO NOTE (REF E) THAT THE USCG WILL BE REPRESENTED ON
THE NARCOTICS SURVEY TEAM PROPOSED TO VISIT THE BAHAMAS IN
SEPTEMBER. WE ARE NOT PREPARED AT THIS POINT TO RECOMMEND
RENEGOTIATION OF THE GREY AGREEMENT, BUT COAST GUARD'S VIEWS
ON THE MATTER WOULD BE HELPFUL. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT
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THERE IS AT LEAST SOME SENTIMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS TO UPDATE THE AGREEMENT, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAT
TO GIVE IT STATUS AS AN INSTRUMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT BAHAMAS.
THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED PRIOR TO BAHAMIAN INDE-
PENDENCE.

4. WE ASSUME THAT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE

A VISIT TO NASSAU BY A TEAM OF LEGAL AND OTHER OFFICIALS,
AS DESCRIBED IN PARA. 2, REF (A), WILL AWAIT THE RESULTS OF
THE PROPOSED SEPTEMBER SURVEY TEAM.

5. WE ARE RESPONDING TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA. 7A
OF REF (A) BY A SEPARATE CABLE, WHICH WILL ALSO RESPOND TO
STATE 170187 WHICH REQUESTS EXTENSIVE INFORMATION ON LOCAL
NARCOTICS LAWS.
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